

***IN THE SPECIFICATION***

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 26, with the following paragraph:

Connections 118, 128 may advantageously be established over common PSTN lines. They may be low speed modem links for modems 116, ~~188~~ 126 respectively. As such, connections 118, 128 may have a rated capacity of only 28.8 kbps, and the invention will still work.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16, with the following paragraph:

Gateway 140 receives intermediate packets 172, 173, and packetizes them further as network packets 182, 183, respectively. Packets 182, 183 may be transmitted within network 130 via connection 155 to gateway ~~140~~ 150.